requested on 21st July, 1988 to examine the trade margin issue.

Amount due on Sulphamethoxazole

3725. SHRI DHARANIDHAR BASUMATARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) when did his Ministry write to DPRC/BICP to allow 8 per cent incidentals on Trimethoprim and Sulphamethoxazole;

(b) what is the amount due against Burroughs welcome on Sulphamethoxazole; and

(c) whether the purchase price of Burroughs Wellcome and sale price of the seller for Sulphamethoxazole tally?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) The BICP was requested on 25th November, 1987 to allow 8 per cent incidentals on Trimethoprim and Sulphamethoxazole.

(b) No amount has been assessed against Burroughs Wellcome on Sulphamethoxazole.

(c) The company has not furnished this specific information.

Monitoring the profitability of drug companies

3726. SHRI DHARANIDHAR BASUMATARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the drug companies having 80 per cent or more of their products outside price control;

(b) what steps have been taken to monitor the profitability of such companies;

(c) what aspects are monitored by the monitoring cell of his Ministry; and

(d) how can the impact on the public be known without monitoring the sales turnover?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) To the extent information available only one company M/s. Imar is having more than 80 per cent of their products outside price control.

(b) As per the provisions of DPCO, 1987, the manufacturers are required to submit information on prescribed form.

(c) Monitoring cell monitors the price movement of bulk drugs/formulations.

(d) Sales turnover does not give any indication of price.

Production of 6 APA

3727. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has allowed Penicillin V for the production of 6 APA;

(b) if so, the names of the companies which applied for Penicillin V during the last three years upto 31st July, 1988;

(c) what are the names of the companies which have been recommended import licences during this period along with the quantity of penicillin V allowed to be imported in each case;

(d) whether it is a fact that 6 APA is also being produced from penicillin G;

(e) what is the cost of production of penicillin G as per allocation policy and from penicillin V imported and what is the difference;

(f) whether BICP has conducted cost investigation in both the cases; and

(g) if so, what are the names of the companies the production cost of which was investigated?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following companies had applied for import of Penicillin V:

1. M/s. Jagsonpal Pharmaceuticals Ltd.